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SUBJECT: HONG KONG GOVERNMENT (HKG) NAME POLLUTION CONSULTANTS

1. HKG RECENTLY NAMED U.K. FIRM, ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES, TO "ASSIST IN PREPARING COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION FOR HONG KONG." FIRM WILL PREPARE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ORDINANCE COVERING ALL ASPECTS OF POLLUTION - LAND, SEA, AIR AND NOISE - TAKING INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS AND ADVICE OF HKG'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION. FIRM WILL ALSO ADVISE ON SETTING UP POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY TO SUPERVISE IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LEGISLATION.

2. STUDIES, CONSULTATIONS AND DRAFTING OF ORDINANCE EXPECTED TO TAKE ABOUT 18 MONTHS, FROM DECEMBER 1974 START. STANDARDS AND GOALS ESTABLISHED BY THIS STUDY WILL HAVE IMPORTANT EFFECT ON EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS IN FUTURE AND IT SEEMS TO US ESSENTIAL THAT U.S. INPUT MAXIMIZED IN THESE EARLY STAGES.

3. WE PLAN TO PROVIDE FULL SET OF CATALOGS FROM UPCOMING POLLUTION CONTROL SHOW TO BOTH ENVIRONMENTAL BRANCH OF COLONIAL SECRETARIAT, HKG, AND TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF MAJOR FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION AND STUDIES TO PASS TO THESE BODIES.

4. COMMERCE MAY WISH TO PUBLICIZE FACT THAT THIS STUDY IN PROGRESS AND THAT HKG SEEMS TO HAVE FIRM RESOLVE TO IMPROVE ENVIRONMENT.

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